

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00686-APM**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/27/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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V.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/27/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5391463) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Guzman, Javier) (Entered: 03/27/2018)
03/27/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmd) (Entered: 03/27/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (tth) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/17/2018	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/4/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/4/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/4/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/4/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Jones, Karianne) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
05/03/2018	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/09/2018	<u>5</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 23, 2018. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P.

		Mehta on 05/09/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/09/2018)
05/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/23/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/23/2018	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before June 25, 2018, advising the court of their progress in this matter and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/23/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/25/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
06/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before July 19, 2018, advising the court of their progress in this matter and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/27/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/27/2018)
06/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/19/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent Joint Status Report advising the court of their progress on or before August 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/23/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/31/2018. (tg) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit a subsequent Joint Status Report advising the court of their progress on or before October 31, 2018. In the Status Report, the parties shall report the expected number of potentially responsive records and estimate a date by which production will be complete. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/31/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
10/31/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
10/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> October 31, 2018, Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before January 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/31/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
10/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
01/02/2019	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>In Light of the Lapse In Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Motion for a Stay of Proceedings. This matter is hereby stayed. Within three business days of Department of Justice operations resuming, Defendant shall notify the court by when the parties will file their next Joint Status Report. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/07/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Resumption of Government Operations and Proposed Schedule by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 01/31/2019)

01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report by February 12, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/31/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/12/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/12/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 02/12/2019)